SENATE BILL 1340 By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to aggressive and dangerous driving.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 55-8-194.

- (a) A person commits the offense of aggressive driving who:
- (1) Violates one (1) or more of the following provisions: §§ 55-8-118, 55-8-121, 55-8-124, 55-8-134, 55-8-143, 55-8-152, 55-8-153, 55-8-160, 55-8-168 and 55-8-188; and

(2)

- (A) Is a hazard to another person; or
- (B) Commits a violation of subdivision (1) with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure or obstruct another person.
- (b) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor; provided, that if the person intends to injure another person, a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.
- (c) In addition to any penalty imposed pursuant to subsection (b), a person who violates this section may be sentenced to attend any available driver improvement program.
- (d) If conduct that constitutes a violation of this section also constitutes a violation of any other criminal statute, the provisions of § 39-11-109 shall apply

permitting prosecution and conviction under this section or any other applicable section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

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